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It has happened again! Once more the University of Toronto has opened its doors and sent out into the "cold, cold world" of culture and commerce its sons and daughters. This year at Convocation, there seemed to be endless streams of gowned young men and gowned and capped young women who walked up the aisles of Convocation Hall, knelt before Chancellor Cody to have a degree of some sort conferred upon them, and walked down again. It was funny to see how many gowns did double duty on this grand occasion. One young man would get back to his seat, slip off his gown and pass it along the row just in time for another student to wear it on his walk up the aisle.

There were no long speeches but President Smith addressed the graduating classes briefly. "Degrees," he said, "are not ends in themselves, but are rather milestones marking the distance you travel. You cannot thumb a ride up the slopes of Mount Parnassus.....It is by your own power that you must pace every foot of that road." He spoke of the ideals of the University, ideals of goodness, beauty and truth, and impressed upon the graduates the fact that in getting their degrees they were having the "hall mark" of the University put upon them. "If you do not apprehend the seriousness of the problems that are facing mankind and try to solve these problems," said Dr. Smith, "your university course will be wasted." In closing Dr. Smith quoted the words of Mordecai to Queen Esther, "And who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Heavy rain in the morning prevented the usual procession of graduating classes across the campus and made it necessary for the Garden Party to be held in Examination Hall (shades of departed worries!), but the sun shone brightly in the afternoon and friends and relatives gathered in little groups all over the lawn with perhaps a visit indoors for a glass of lemonade or to see the Student Council awards given out. S.P.H.E. had a special interest in this event, for Susanne Gray of our graduating class was given a golden key, the highest award of the Student Council, presented for service to the student body throughout the three years of the course. Sue was not only head of basketball for the University in her senior year, a big responsibility in itself, but she also managed the Varsity Team in the Intercollegiate Basketball League and was a member of the Varsity Swimming Team. You will also be interested to know that she came fourth in her class, a pretty good record altogether. The Margaret Eaton Gold Medal was won this year by Gwen Lewis and the Emma Scott Masrith Gold Medal by Terry Dyer. In the II Year, Nancy Simpson won the first scholarship, John Thomson the second, and W.F. Kennedy and Orde Skeeles tied for third place. Eva Brass and E.P. Dale tied for first place in I Year and had the first two scholarships divided between them, while Bruce Forsythe won the third.

Besides graduation there were a number of social functions arranged specially for the Class of 1946. First of all, away back in the spring, came the tea given on Saturday March 16th by Dr. and Mrs. Ryerson at their quaint and interesting home on Delisle Avenue. Gay chatter and music and nice home-cooked refreshments were the high lights. On Sunday, April 7th, Miss Forster entertained for them and finished a very pleasant afternoon with a showing of her movie, "Physical Education at the University". This showed not only pictures of themselves but of other years and was very interesting. On Wednesday, June 5th, former graduates of the School entertained at tea at the Hearthstone for the graduating class, a very happy occasion. Lois Dowson and Eleanor Pattison were in charge of the arrangements for this tea and everything was very nice with sweet peas and other flowers on the table and attractive hand-made cards for the guests of honour, the Class of 1946. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were unable to come, but

Chancellor Cody was there and Dr. and Mrs. Ryerson, as well as Miss Forster and Miss Jackson, Mr. Warren Stevens and Mr. M.G. Griffiths.

The Graduation Banquet was held at the Old Mill in the big room just off the main dining-room, the night of June 6th. White stock, maroon (a pretty good attempt!) and blue carnations decorated the head table and at each place were very attractive place cards done in the school colours. They were well done and we understand were the work of Gwen Lewis. Helen Shppard was the toast mistress, and after "The King" called on Ivy Baxter to propose the toast to the University. Ivy's excellent speech closed with these words, "Therefore I would propose a two-fold toast. First to the Toronto University which we have left behind; may there be continued growth in the promotion of student fellowship and intellectual integrity and service. To the Toronto University which we take with us, may there be continued growth in the sphere and depth of its vital influence in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Dr. Ryerson replied to the toast with an historical talk on the University, in which he gave information that every graduate should know. He closed his speech with a quotation on Education from The Kenneth Roberts Reader: "An untrained mind is one that contains a small amount or a large amount of superficial and unrelated information, all of which, to its possessor, seems of equal value.....A trained mind is one that has learned through extensive reading of books dealing with several related subjects, as well as through the guidance of competent teachers, to understand why the subjects are related; to criticize intelligently the statements and opinions encountered in its reading; to distinguish between that which is false and worthless and that which is genuine and worthy; to think, in short, for itself, and to go on thinking for itself through life; to speak and write clearly and logically on any subject concerning which it has formed an opinion; and to have a sincere appreciation of and respect for intellectual pursuits."

The toast to the School was proposed by Vera Gilchrist. "Each one of us," said Vera, "will have a different concept of the School which we would like to toast. However there are a few basic, tangible things about which we will all agree." These were the School itself, that is 415 Yonge Street (& Hart House, "though 88% of us don't know much about that!"), the office (Imagine!), the professors, and finally, "the little intangible items which make for better living, all of them a contribution of the School." In Miss Jackson's reply, she called particular attention to the fact that while we speak of our Alma Mater, there are also Alma Paters and she enlarged on this point from the standpoint of our own staff.

The toast to the graduating class was proposed by Miss Forster. Miss Forster, it seems, was given a small particle of something containing atomic energy, which propelled her for a short time into the period of 20 years hence. There she found out what all the graduates of 1946 were doing and proceeded to tell us about each one of them. For instance she found the Honorable Norman Burt-Gerrans to be the leader of Community Recreation in the United Nations Organization; Hazel Campbell (Mrs. John Campbell) "in charge of the telephone amusement service for the Bell Telephone Company. The customer who is bored just rings 0000 and Hazel comes forth with a short recitation. Of course television helps, and with a flower in her hair and a new set of earrings each day, she is the talk of the town"; Jack Eilbeck, the father of five sons, Stanley, Warren, Griffith, Mac and Carl; Ruby Hope, head of the percussion section of the New York Philharmonic, but recently offered a similar position with the Baxter School of the Dance in Jamaica. Norm Burt-Gerrans replied to the toast in a short but appropriate speech.

"The best Margaret Eaton gathering we ever had", was the opinion expressed on every hand after the Annual Margaret Eaton Alumnae Dinner held at the Old Mill the evening of May 28th. The evening dinner gave some graduates an opportunity to attend who

have never been able to go to the luncheon, and through the special efforts of Joyce Withrow Henderson, the retiring president, Ruby Thomas Kinsey, convener of the Dinner Committee, Ann Ross Thompson and several others, the affair was largely attended with many years represented. A beautiful night, pleasant surroundings, good food, the gay companionship of old-time friends--what more could one want for a well-nigh perfect evening. The committee in charge had gone to endless trouble. Each guest as she came in was given a name card to wear, a dainty flower on it and tied with gay ribbon. The guests at the head table had in addition a corsage of lilies-of-the-valley. Mauve and white lilacs formed the table decorations and adorned the big Habitant Room where the festivities were held after the dinner.

The President said a few words of welcome and explained the new set-up of the Alumnae Association. She spoke of the wonderful war-work the Association did during the war years. This year the more recent graduates of the School have been asked to rally to the cause and see what they can do to make the Alumnae Association a success in this new era when there is no longer war work to do, and when there are no new graduates to give new life to the Association. Elizabeth Seecombe Turner '42 has agreed to act as chairman in the new set-up, Nancy Gray '42 Treasurer, Isabel Callan MacDonald '38 Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Taylor McCatty '37 and June Kennedy '41 Programme, Adrienne Adams Lee '39 Social and Florence Riley Dorsey '42 Publicity and Membership.

The programme that followed the dinner was lots of fun, particularly the impromptu speaking contest in which Ruby called on Lucille Chambers Jacob, Jo Robinson, Dorothy Prat, Fran White and Audrey Michel Jeffrey to demonstrate their ability in speaking "tongue twisters". By popular acclaim the prize went to Lucille. Much laughter greeted the skit produced by Florence Dorsey and written by Laura Graham, showing the many changes of style in gym costumes, from the trim, gored tunic of the Class of '42 back to the bloomers and riddy and high white running shoes of pre-'22 times. Dr. Mary Northway of the Psychology Department of the University, formerly of Glen Bernard Camp and co-partner with Flora Morrison '32 at Windy Pine Point where they organize canoe trips, was the guest speaker. She gave a clever speech, full of humour and with lots of good advice in it for both physical educationalists and mothers. Everyone seemed to enjoy the singsong led by Winn McEvoy Kennedy with music by Winn MacLennan Johnston who came up from Belleville specially for the occasion. But probably the nicest part of the whole affair was the meeting of old friends - here a girl you had not seen for years, there someone who lives just around the corner, both warming to the heart. It was particularly nice to see Miss Hamilton and Miss Somers who each guided the affairs of the School for so long, and Mrs. Marriott, friend of residence days, and Mrs. Fiorro, well known as Miss Kaulbach.

NEWS NOTES:

After forty-three years in the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Ryerson is giving up that part of his work. He joined the staff in 1903 as a demonstrator in Anatomy and rose steadily through the years to his present position as assistant dean and secretary. Ten years as assistant secretary, fourteen years as secretary and fourteen years as secretary and assistant dean, is a record to be proud of. Dr. Ryerson's knowledge of all the detail that goes with the running of an institution of over nine hundred students, acquired during many years of experience, his contacts with men of the medical profession throughout Canada and the United States, his own enthusiasm for whatever he undertakes, has made his contribution to the Faculty of Medicine a permanent and valuable one. Fortunately for us, he is remaining as Director of the School of Physical and Health Education, where he has the opportunity to develop his special interest in health education.

It was nice to see Miss Thrall in Toronto recently. She is looking well and while she misses her Toronto friends, she seems to enjoy living in Woodstock.

Miss Somers has gone to her home at Dennis, Mass. away down on Cape Cod. She motored down and on the way stopped at Ivy Lea on the St. Lawrence, to pick up Shirley Naylor McCatty. Shirley spent two weeks with Miss Somers in her home by the broad Atlantic.

Miss Jackson and Mrs. Graham spent three busy weeks in connection with the Youth Leadership Course, which has been meeting in the mornings at 415 Yonge Street (in the afternoons somewhere else), under the auspices of the University Extension Department and the Anglican Church. Immediately their part in the course was over, they left for the wilds, Mrs. Graham to her cottage at Burleigh, Ontario, and Miss Jackson to Miss Zerada Slack's cottage near Magog, Quebec.

Miss Forster leaves July 1st for Edmonton where she will teach the dance in the summer school at the University of Alberta.

Mr. McCutcheon is manager of the Y.M.C.A.'s Geneva Park at Lake Couchiching this summer.

Mr. Arthur Chetwynd of the Men's Department, is senior supervisor of the Canadian Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety programme in Ontario this summer and is having schools all over the province.

Capt. Betty Anderson dropped in to see us the day we were getting ready for one of the final meetings, which meant there was no time for a chat. We did learn that the Health Centre at Oakville where she has been stationed, is closed and she gets her discharge soon.

A letter from Mary Barker back in April told that she would soon be on her way to Calgary to get her discharge. Mary expected to attend the C.P.E.A. convention at Jasper, now in session.

Born on June 5th to Mr. and Mrs. Walter von Tobel (Betty Burns) a son, Eric. The von Tobels are living at Kirkland Lake now. Box #682 will reach them.

Ivy Baxter of this year's graduating class has been taking the Youth Leadership Course. She leaves on June 27th for New York University Camp to take a six-weeks course, mostly in the Modern Dance. Following the summer course, Ivy expects to return to her home in Kingston, Jamaica, where a position awaits her.

We were interested to notice by the Ontario Educational Association (the O.E.A.) programme for their meeting in April, that a number of our graduates took part. These were Kathleen Cuninghame Hull 4T3, Helen Ricker '37, Jean Stirling Diploma Course '42 and Jean Thomas '38.

A.H. Campbell 4T5, is running the community swimming programme at Lakefield again this summer.

Married on June 1st, at St. George's Anglican Church, Moncton, N.B., Geraldine Cummings Dickson to Thomas George Rogers.

Mrs. John Russell Lunan, otherwise Betty Donovan, in a letter received earlier in the spring, says, "I saw 'Tinney' Evelyn Tindale in Sherbrooke one day last fall. We are just forty miles from Sherbrooke and go up very often, but we did not have enough time to say and ask all the things we should have liked to do".

Born on May 8th at Long Beach, Calif. to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Roddick (Helen Edmunds), a son, Thomas Edmund Roddick.

Jack Eilbeck of this year's graduating class was married on May 25th to Miss Patricia

Beaton, a graduate of the physiotherapy course.

Joan Fellowes Pettit is living in Sarnia. Her husband is studying in London, but as they could not find any place to live in London, Joan is in Sarnia and Mr. Pettit gets home for week-ends.

We learned recently of the death on May 20th, 1945 after a long illness of Aileen Collie Freeman (Mrs. Gordon Moore), who completed the course in Literature and Expression in 1925.

Born on April 8th, 1946 at the Toronto Western Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Fuller (Marion Glenwright) a daughter.

Doris Hibbard Rundle, Mr. Rundle and the baby, are living at Ajax, where Mr. Rundle is studying.

Sometime along in the spring, a real thrill came to many of us. We had a letter (through Miss Kaufman of the Foreign Department of the National Y.W.C.A.) from Shigeko Hasegawa of Tokyo, who graduated from M.E.S. in 1939, our own little Shiggy. We have permission indirectly to quote parts of the letter which we think will be of special interest to Shige's M.E.S. friends. It is addressed to Miss Kaufman. "What a joy and surprise to get a note from you!!! I have been thinking about and praying for you people in Toronto all last five years, and now the day comes I can speak to you freely again. You could hardly know how I was glad and thankful to get your kind note with your own writing on. I feel you quite near to me now, and such a joy to be with you again. I would never miss you again, would I? It is such a long time since I wrote my last English letter, I may make a lot of foolish mistakes in my writing. I hope you would excuse them wouldn't you? I remember you left us in 1940, when I was still in bed. I was quite well by the end of 1941 and started teaching at Women's College on January 1942. At beginning I felt fatigue often and had to stretch myself during recesses.....Though by the end of my two years, by 1944, I could do quite a bit of activities, I had to rest a year again. It was really a hard task to be in hospital or at home under those bombs. I am, however, all right now and am pep again, trying to begin my new life now." Shige's friends will be delighted to hear that she was being married in April, but she did not give her fiance's name.

Barbara Jones, who went over to England in the spring to join her parents and at the same time to get her discharge from the Navy, wrote to us recently. "I have been living a fairly leisurely life, taking walks and bus rides with Mother, helping with housework and making a couple of jaunts to the theatre. The best of these was last Saturday when we went to see the Sadlers Wells Company in "The Sleeping Beauty" ballet. It was simply lovely, and we had wonderful seats on the aisle near the front of the stalls. The next event is the Victory Parade next Saturday. There will be twelve of each of the women's services (Canadian) marching with their respective units and we have just been having an intensive three day's practice at the Royal Navy's Gunnery School in Portsmouth. It is no joke marching twelve abreast in a single rank, especially going round corners - and more especially when some of the Wrens have done no drill for two years. However things are shaping up very well.....I decided that it was a shame not to use my D.V.A. and re-establishment credit and so I wrote to the Bergman Osterburg School at Dartford to see whether they would take me for one year. They are quite willing, and I have been down to see the headmistress and had a talk with her. I am to be allowed to take what I like with any of the three year's classes and work myself out a curriculum after sort of investigating for a month."

Born on April 21st at the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto Western Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Johnston (Elizabeth Harvis) a daughter.

Henry Kuryluk 4T4 is Provincial Director in Nova Scotia, of the Swimming and Water Safety Programme for the Canadian Red Cross, with headquarters in Halifax.

It was nice to hear from Anne Lyster this spring and to know of the things she has been doing. Since graduation she has obtained her B.C. Permanent Teaching Certificate and took three summer courses at Victoria, B.C.. For three years she taught in Vernon, B.C. High School and this past year in the Chilliwack High School. At Chilliwack she says, "I'm teaching Physical Education and Health to girls in grade 8 to 12 and really enjoy it. As we enroll 1200 students (Junior-Senior High) and have only one gymnasium we've started a fund for a new gymnasium. To date we have made nearly \$2,000. this year. Next week I am taking three entries: 20 grade 8 girls in Irish Lilt, 6 grade 10 girls in La Cucharacha and 10 grade 9 girls in Rhinelander, to the Mission Musical Festival. On May 14 we are having a gym and dancing display in the Agricultural Hall and a Track Meet in June. You can see the Physical Education Department is busy." Anne is going to the Kingston Y.W.C.A. this fall.

Gwen Lewis, Norah Sharpe and Arva Stewart of the Class '46 have been taking the Youth Leadership Course.

Margaret Large has been studying for her Master's degree at Wayne University and doing part time work (20 hours a week) at the Central Y.W.C.A. in Detroit.

A chat with Fan Lee Chow on the telephone recently gave us cheering news of Jean Mark Lee in Kowloon. While they are short of food and things are expensive, they are getting back to normal. Dr. Lee is practising with Dr. Kirk, an English doctor.

Louise Mackenzie and Joyce Bertram invited some of their classmates from '41 out to The Outpost at Dagnar one Sunday recently. Laura Graham, Elinor Wallace Souchuk, June Kennedy, Diana Hawkins and Dorothy Walker had a grand time and were amazed at the work Louie and Joyce have put on the house. As anyone who has been to Dagnar will know, it is in a beautiful part of the country.

Friends of Helen Mackey will be glad to hear that she is much better after her recent illness, and is able to return to her work at the Lewis Leather Co. for part time.

A letter from Anne Maclean gives us the wonderful news that she has had an operation for her deafness and as a result has almost normal hearing. Her husband, Lt. Col. E.M. Hodson, D.S.O., was expected home early in June after five and one half years overseas.

Margaret Currie McFadzen wrote to us this spring about Ethel McFadzen Tait who graduated in 1926. Mrs. Tait is teaching at the Johannesburg High School for Girls at Barnate Park, Johannesburg. Her address is 3 Plane Ave., North Rand, Transvaal, South Africa. Like most of our graduates in far away places, she finds it difficult to get new material and would be grateful for any that might be sent to her.

We were glad to have a call from Muriel Oden 4T4 in the Easter holidays. Muriel is returning to her own school, Malvern Collegiate, to teach in the fall.

A letter from Joyce O'Neill in England, tells us that she does not expect to get her release from the Navy until fall.

Marg Pellow 4T6 is making a good recovery from an appendectomy performed June 19th in Oshawa.

Margaret Ross dropped in to see us to-day on her way to Camp Winnobagoë where she is to be Head Counsellor for the Girls' Section with Eleanore Pattison as assistant. Margaret has just finished an interesting year as one of the supervisors of physical education for girls in the city of Halifax.

Don Smith 4T5 is continuing his work at Columbia this summer and hopes to get his Master's degree in September.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davidson (Flora Secord) on April 18, 1946, a daughter, Joanne Secord. Flora's address is 4530 Wilson Avenue, Notre Dame de Grace, Quebec.

A few days ago we were glad to have a call from Elise Smythe Spratt and Mr. Spratt, (It isn't always that the husbands have the courage to come in!) who were in Toronto on the interesting business of buying furniture for their home in Kapuskasing.

Married on Saturday, June 15, Margaret Patricia Saccombe to Mr. John M. Hall. Pat was one of the S.P.H.E. students who gave up her course to enlist in the R.C.A.F.

Hilda Smith from Winnipeg called to see us recently on her way to Goderich where she hopes to spend most of the summer. Hilda is to be Physical Director and Nurse at Rupert's Land College, Winnipeg, in the fall.

Sirkka Sterner sailed from New York on June 14th for Norway where she will marry on June 30th, Capt. Edvard Onholt-Jensen. Sirkka's temporary address is Sørkedalsveien 92 Snesødt, Oslo, Norway. Best wishes, Sirkka.

It was nice to see Gwyneth Schank when she was in Toronto the last of May on her holidays. She got here in time for the Alumnae Dinner and was able to see a number of her old friends.

Jean Sabiston wrote in May from Eire. We quote, "There is certainly no better way of seeing the world than being a driver. From January to April I was stationed in Bordeaux - went out on long trips south and north through beautiful country, mostly mountainous, which makes things more exciting, especially when slippery! The last week-end before coming back to England we went up to the beaches of Normandy and heard the fantastic story of the landings while standing on the very spot. After reaching England I was told I have leave until I sail, and as I don't like London very much, I have been trying to see as much of the country as possible - Cambridge, Dorset, Exeter and for the last nine days, Southern Ireland, County Wexford and the famous Killarney." Jean expected to be home soon, perhaps by the middle of June.

Mary Sinclair 4T3, out of the Navy and back from a trip to the West, was one of the guests at the Graduation Tea.

Graham Warren is one of the Field Supervisors for Ontario for the Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety programme this summer.

Frank Watson 4T4 is with the Y.M.C.A. War Auxiliary in the Military Hospital at Montreal.

Doug Whittle 4T5 came to Toronto this spring to instruct and lecture in the National School of Instruction in Swimming and Water Safety under the direction of the Canadian Red Cross. This summer Doug is responsible for this programme in British Columbia and Francis Campbell of I Year is assisting him.

Joanne Wright 4T5 was married on Thursday evening, May 30th in the Yorkminster Baptist Church, to Mr. John Robinson Baker.

We extend our sincere sympathy to:

Dorothy Allan, whose father, Mr. Gavin Allan, died suddenly on Thursday, April 11th.

Edith Seixas Browne, whose father, Mr. Edward F. Seixas, died on Wednesday, April 10th.

As we had heard indirectly that Dorothy Alger (Mrs. John Villettorte) and her two children were home after many years in France, we wrote to her for more definite information for the News Letter. A very interesting letter has come from Mrs. Villettorte



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